

## **Nominations for new Co-Rapporteurs**

### **Presented by the President of the Eighth Meeting of the States Parties**

At the April 2007 meeting the Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention, the Co-Chairs (Argentina and Italy) indicated that, in keeping with established practice, they would undertake the task of consulting States Parties, with a view to identifying a list of nominees to serve as Co-Rapporteurs, between the end of the 8MSP and the end of the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties (9MSP). The Co-Chairs indicated that in undertaking these consultations, they would keep in mind principles like ensuring a regional balance, a balance between mine-affected and other State Parties, and a balance between the need for rotation and the need for continuity.

At the 28 August 2007 informal meeting to prepare for the 8MSP, the Co-Chairs provided an update on their efforts to propose a list of eight new Co-Rapporteurs. On the basis of discussion on this matter at the informal meeting, the President encouraged the Co-Chairs to continue discussions with interested delegations. In addition, interested delegations were invited to contact Argentina and Italy if they had any questions to ask or views to share.

The Co-Chairs subsequently reported to the President that they wish to propose the following list of States Parties to serve as Co-Rapporteurs between the end of the 8MSP and the end of the Ninth Meeting of the States Parties:

Standing Committee on General Status and Operation of the Convention:

- Japan and Chile

Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies:

- Australia and Argentina

Standing Committee on Victim Assistance and Socio-Economic Reintegration:

- Belgium and Thailand

Standing Committee on Stockpile Destruction:

- Italy and Zambia

The President reminds the States Parties that it has been our practice that after serving one year as Co-Rapporteurs States Parties are subsequently elected to serve as the Co-Chairs of their respective Standing Committees.